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**Subject:** Re: Donlin EIS: Agency Scoping Meeting

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Hello Taylor, Don, and Amanda,

For some odd reason I thought that we were to schedule this EIS Scoping Meeting on Friday 2-8-2013. I was under that impression so that people going to the Alaska Forum for the

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Environment. Many of the possible participants have choose missing out on many break out sessions that afternoon 2-6-2013, of which have as much relevance to their Environmental Programs. I am disappointed that we have elected to have Donlin 101, everyone attending should have knowledge about managing elements concerning the Donlin Gold LLC. I noticed that this may be redundant as at AFE a break out session where we can learn about, "Elements Of A Modern Mine". It just seems it takes away time from this agenda. Thank you, for listening to my displeasure's...and please for give me if this ranting seems self serving.

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Don asked that I distribute this agenda for the Agency Scoping Meeting

## Donlin Gold Project EIS

Agency Scoping Meeting  
 February 6, 2013 1-5 pm. Venue to be announced.  
 Agenda

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### Purpose:

The meeting is an early exercise in identifying issues with particular emphasis on the permitting and consultation authorities of the cooperating agencies. Agencies are requested to consult the attached Table 7-3: Permits and Authorizations, prepared by Donlin Gold. Please review and identify any additional authorizations and permits that are relevant. Please prepare with the agency resource specialists a list of issues to be analyzed in the EIS, as they flow from the agencies permitting and consultation responsibilities.

### Agenda:

- **1 pm - 2 pm:** "Donlin 101" - a detailed presentation regarding the project by Donlin Gold
- **2 - 5 pm:** Agency Issues, concerns, and information sources for the EIS (10 minutes per agency. The moderator will call for beaks as appropriate. )
  - **Corps**
  - **BLM**
  - **EPA**
  - **FWS**
  - **Discussion regarding federal agency issues**
  - **ADNR**
  - **ADEC**
  - **ADFG**
  - **Other State Offices (SPCO, DHSS)**
  - **Discussion regarding state agency issues**
  - **Village of Crooked Creek**
  - **Native Village of Chuathbaluk**
  - **Native Village of Napaimute**

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- Kuskokwim River Watershed Council
- Discussion regarding tribal and regional cooperator issues

#### **Additional considerations**

The agencies are invited to prepare for this scoping meeting in advance by asking the agency resource specialists for input. This will facilitate the ability of the agencies to provide summary statements within the time allotted. Agencies are invited to provide follow-up written scoping statements to more fully identify issues related to the agencies' mandates, permitting authorities, and consultation responsibilities.

Also attached, at the suggestion of one of the cooperating agencies, is the Donlin Gold statement of purpose and need, found in Chapter 2 of the Donlin Gold Natural Gas Pipeline Plan of Development. This is the applicant's version and not the EIS version. URS will be developing a draft chapter 1 Purpose and Need statement for the EIS during the spring. Agencies will have ample time to review the draft chapter 1. Development of Chapter 2, Alternatives, is also slated to start in the spring, and proceeds through several workshops with the cooperating agencies. The full suite of the proposed action, connected actions, and a reasonable range of alternatives will be developing through that task, but is not available for the agency scoping meeting.

Agency comments regarding key agency information sources would also be welcome. However, this meeting is not generally intended to evaluate the adequacy of data for the EIS. A separate task is underway for this purpose. The Corp's contractor, URS, is compiling data from Donlin Gold and other existing sources and performing a Data Gap Analysis. The draft Data Gap Analysis is under preparation and will be circulated for 30 days review by the cooperating agencies. A full opportunity for agency comments, perhaps in one or more workshops, would come in the spring following circulation of the data gap analysis.

URS will take notes on the agency comments during this meeting. The agency scoping comments, in the meeting and in subsequent submissions, will be incorporated in the Scoping Report, along with comments from the public meeting transcripts, comments posted to the website, and other written submissions from the public.

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